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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, BA  
SUBJECT: BAHRAIN HUMAN RIGHTS EVALUATION PLAN

REF: STATE 147937

1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH DESCRIPTION OF "CONDITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BAHRAIN". WHILE LOCAL CUSTOMS AND STANDARDS VARY CONSIDERABLY FROM AMERICAN MODELS THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION IN OUR MIND THAT BAHRAINI PRACTICE, BY REGIONAL STANDARDS, IS HUMANE AND LIBERAL.

2. ON PART B, "ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS", WE FEEL THAT IT IS INCORRECT TO SAY THAT "INFORMALLY WE HAVE PRESSED THE RULERS OF BAHRAIN RATHER HARD ON THE ISSUE OF A RETURN TO REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT". RECORD DOES NOT SHOW THAT WE HAVE DONE SO. WHEN ASKED, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN FREQUENT SINCE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN AUGUST 1975, WE HAVE REPLIED THAT THE QUESTION US AN INTERNAL ONE FOR BAHRAINIS TO SETTLE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ALSO POINTED OUT THE OBVIOUS: OUR PREFERENCE FOR AND BELIEF IN DEMOCRATIC MODELS.

3. IN VIEW OF PARA TWO ABOVE, WE WOULD THUS PROPOSE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN TEXT, "...DELICATE SECURITY BALANCE. IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID GRATUITOUS COMMENT ON THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE TRY TO MARGINALLY INFLUENCE THAT  
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SITUATION AND THE THINKING OF THE RULERS OF BAHRAIN (WHO LOOK TO REGIONAL CAPITALS FOR GUIDANCE AND NOT TO USG), WE SHOULD:"  
AND THEN CONTINUE TEXT AS PROPOSED.

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